

Gotemba Newsletter

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★The Gotemba Newsletter can be viewed on the GIA Internet site:

<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

★Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

1. Gotemba Premium Shopping Vouchers Expiration are Extended

Currently, vouchers in use are set to expire Sunday, November 7th, but this will be extended to Monday (a holiday), January 10th in 2022.

Now shopping vouchers will expire: Monday, January 10th in 2022, "Coming of age day"

A 3rd set of vouchers will be sold due to high popularity!!

Due to their popularity, a 3rd set of vouchers will be sold.

Sales period: starting from Tuesday, October 26th until Sunday, November 14th

Where to buy and hours:

- ① Post office, from 9:00am to 5:00pm (on weekdays)
- ② Epi Square, during business hours (including weekends and holidays)
- ③ Sun Sun Cook (only at Koyama and Hotozawa branch), during business hours (including weekends and holidays)
- ④ Fujizakura, civic center, from 9:00am to 5:00pm (including weekends and holidays)

※Expiration date printed on the vouchers says Sunday, November 7th, but are good until Monday, January 10th in 2022 which is the day, Coming of age day.

Cost:

- 10,000yen/ 1 set of vouchers (premium: 3,000yen, 13,000yen worth)

How to sell: One household can buy 2 sets of vouchers. (Limited)

Claim ticket vouchers will be distributed to all households in the Koho-Gotemba, issued as of October 20th in an A4 size green envelop. Please bring your claim ticket when purchasing your vouchers.

※ Claim tickets from July 20th will have expired and no longer be valid during this time.

Inquiry: Commerce and industry division at (82)4683



2. Door-to-Door, Receiver Update

Inquiry: Crisis management division at (82)4370

Over 6 years period, receivers used for broadcasting information about self-defense practice and city announcements are being changed to a more updated multifunction radio starting in 2019.

● Introduction of the new receiver

① Radio is available

AM/ FM radio and equipped with disaster prevention administrative radio. Automatic reception of administrative radio announcements will play during normal radio function.

② Light weight and equipped with an LED light

LED light comes built in and it is light weight so you can evacuate with it during the night using the receiver as a flash light. It is compact, it doesn't have to be installed on the wall anymore. Please use it by placing it where you can reach it in your house.

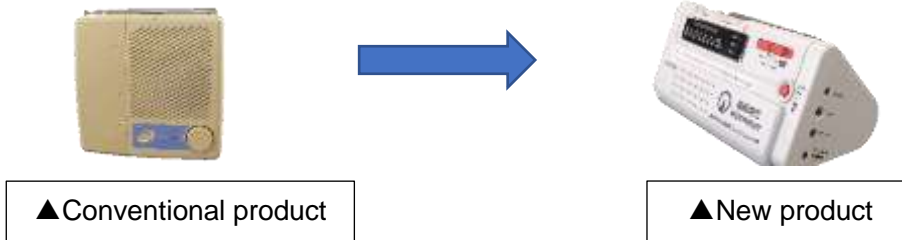
③ Please replace batteries regularly!

The updated receiver can be used anywhere (even in a power outage situation) with batteries. But if you leave batteries in it, battery leakage may occur and cause a malfunction. Please check batteries regularly and change them if needed.

● Future plans

Receiver updates are conducted sequentially every November. However due to Covid-19, equipment production is delayed and the installment schedule will also be behind schedule this year. Once the installment schedule has been decided, subject houses will be notified in advance by mail.

*One receiver is provided to households with resident registration for free. Any company is subject to pay.



3. Library Festival Week Is Being Held

To compliment November reading month and culture day on November 3rd, the library's festival week is also being held.

Date & Time: November 3rd (Wed) to 7th (Sun) including Holidays, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

◆ Special original painting exhibition of Michiko Egashira – 2nd floor, Hall space

Picture book: Anatano sutekina tokoro wa ne (Great things about you)

Illustrator, Michiko Egashira

◆ 2nd hand books: Free give away of reading books

Place: 1st floor, in front of entrance

◆ Library quiz rally:

Place: 1st floor, Kid's corner

◆ Ohanashi-no kai (Picture-book reading)

Hours: Starting at 10:30am (session takes about 15 minutes)

Place: 1st floor, Ohanashi no Heya

** A picture-book reading with panel theater is being held on Saturday, 6th from 2:30pm for kids.

◆ Other events:

- Rental experience by Lions (mobile library)
Date & Time: 3rd (Wed & Holiday) starting from 10:30am, Place: Outside
- Origami workshop for kids
Date & Time: 3rd (Wed & Holiday) starting from 2:30pm, Place: 1st floor, Ohanashi no Heya
- Large picture book exhibition
Date: 3rd (Wed & Holiday), 6th (Sat) and 7th (Sun), Place: 2nd floor, Tatami room
- Book reading for adults
Date & Time: 7th (Sun) starting from 2:30pm, Place: 1st floor, Ohanashi no Heya

*Please cooperate with Covid-19 prevention measure when you come.

Inquiry: Library at (82)0391



That's what's so great about you
Michiko Egashira / drawing

4. While Home, Remind Your Family to Watch for and Prevent Fire

● Fall national fire prevention week starts from November 9th to 15th.

This season as the temperature falls down, we tend to use fire more. At the same time fires spread more easily with dry air. It is important to think about what you can do to prevent fires.

● For house fire prevention: Seven points to follow

[Forming habits]

- Don't smoke in bed.
- Keep flammable materials away from stove tops.
- Turn off gas stoves if you have to leave the room.

[Four preventive measures]

- To prevent slow escapes from possible fires, make sure there are fire alarms in the house.
- Make sure to have a fire extinguisher in the house to put out small fires.
- Buy flame resistant bedding, clothes and curtains.
- Have a plan to help elderly or disabled neighbors escape safely from fires.

◆ **Announcement from the firefighting headquarters in this period**

☆ A siren will sound at 8:00pm to reinforce the fire prevention, not signal a fire.

◆ **Fire alarms in the house saves your precious life**

The number of fatalities caused by fire are 40% less likely in houses with fire alarms. And about 50% of the damage can be prevented compared to house without fire alarms. To save your precious life, it is important to check the operation of your fire alarms regularly.

Inquiry: Fire department prevention division at (83)0119



5. (For year-end adjustment) Payment confirmation will be issued for national health insurance tax and etc.

If you want to know your payment amount for national health insurance tax, medical insurance premium for the elderly, or long-term care insurance premium for your year-end adjustment; we can issue a payment confirmation for 2021 (expected payment). You can get it at the counter or by mail, please contact our staff.

The amount of deduction for a social insurance premium is taken from your public pension (Excepting disability pensions or survivor's pensions) and will be written on the withholding slip, for said pension, issued by Japan pension service. If this applies to you, please contact Numazu pension office directly. (This is not issued by Gotemba city)

※ For people who have already received their year-end adjustment deduction, these deductions do not apply to income tax. You will receive a payment confirmation for income tax at the end of January, 2022.

Inquiries: National health insurance pension division staff at (83)1255

Medical care for the elderly staff at (82)4188

Long-term life welfare division, Care Insurance staff at (82)4134

Numazu pension office at 055(921)2201

6. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

◆ **FREE ITEMS:** Hina doll, 5 Japanese cushion set, 3-seater sofa, Baby bed, Bicycle (26 inches), Bunk bed, Electone, Heated carpet,

◆ **CHARGED ITEMS:** Metronome, Overlock sewing machine

◆ **DONATION NEEDED:** Record player, Cassette deck, VHS video deck, Hair dryer, Firewood for stove, Gas water heater, Telephone with fax

◆ **NEGOTIABLE ITEMS:** Guitar (either acoustic or Electric), P.E. uniform for Fujioka elementary school 140-160 (S, M size), Electronic piano

(Last updated on 10/5th)

* **Fax and Telephone answering machine service are not available.**

7. City Library News / Inquiry: (82)0391

○ Hours of Operation: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

○ Closed: 1st (Mon), 8th (Mon), 15th (Mon), 22nd (Mon), 29th (Mon)

* **Home reading day: 17th (3rd Wednesday of every month)**

○ Book Start: 4th (Thu) and 17th (Wed)

* First-time reading for mothers with 6 months-old Infants at the Hoken Center (Health Care Center).

○ OHANASHI HIROBA: Every Saturday from 2:30 pm (Picture-book reading by volunteers)

○ OYAKO OHANASHI-NO-KAI: 10th (Wed) & 24th (Wed) from 10:30am (Picture-book reading by librarians)

[How to return books] "Book Post" is now available to use after library closed. Please take advantage of it.

8. November's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (MON)	Legal Counseling (1:00pm)	City Hall	18 (THU)		
2 (TUE)	Mother support consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	19 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:30am)	Health Care Center
3 (WED)				Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 and half years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
4 (THU)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center	20 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library
	Book start	Health Care Center	21 (SUN)		
5 (FRI)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30pm)	Health Care Center	22 (MON)		
6 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library	23 (TUE)		
7 (SUN)			24 (WED)	Oyako Ohanashi no Kai (10:30am)	Library
8 (MON)				Health Consultation for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
9 (TUE)	Extension some counters hours at City Hall		25 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall
	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center		Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:30pm)	Health Care Center
10 (WED)	Oyako Ohanashi no Kai (10:30am)	Library	26 (FRI)	Parenting seminar (6:45pm)	Health Care Center
	Health Consultation for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center	27 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library
11 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall	28 (SUN)		
	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center	29 (MON)	Adult Health Consultation (1:30pm)	Health Care Center
12 (FRI)			30 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center
13 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library	<p>[Deadline November 30th (Tue.)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Health Insurance tax of 5th ● Medical Care System for people aged 75 and over (Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken) of 4th ● Water usage and sewer usage for November <p>* Please note that these payments are payable by direct debit from your bank account.</p>		
14 (SUN)					
15 (MON)	Workshop for Pregnant Women (9:30am)	Health Care Center			
	Legal Counseling (10:00am) (Need appointment)	City Hall			
16 (TUE)	Seminar for Babies (12:50pm)	Health Care Center			
17 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:15pm)	Health Care Center			
	Book start	Health Care Center			

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